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US confirms heavy duties on Chinese solar cells

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States confirmed yesterday hefty anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on Chinese solar cell makers that have added to trade tensions between the two economic powers.

The Commerce Department issued a final confirmation of its May finding that Chinese producers and exporters had been selling solar cells into the United States at artificially low prices, and put the anti-dumping duties at between 18 percent and 250 percent.

It meanwhile put countervailing duty levels, originally

set in March to offset China's subsidies, at 15-16 percent, mainly to counter an "export buyer's credit" from the Chinese government.

It named Suntech Power, and Trina Solar, as key offenders, but said at least 60 other Chinese companies would also be hit with anti-dumping charges.

The Department ordered the collection of cash deposits on imported solar equipment from the Chinese companies, crucially dating back to 90 days before the preliminary anti-dumping duty ruling in May.

Santa Cruz dig to continue with an additional 3 year grant

Chief Archaeologists of the National Archaeological Museum Aruba, NAMA, welcomed media to his team's workshops for additional revelations about the Santa Cruz dig, which is providing a wealth of information.

The unmarked burial site was discovered by accident when property owners began bulldozing to build a parking lot in 2001. To date it has 36 graves without any sort of marker or tombstone of any kind. 18 have been excavated and their remains are now at the NAMA labs. Both male



The Scientific team of MANA



Amerindian skull recovered from the dig

and female remains have been found, from what they estimate to be a 9 month old infant to elderly.

The dig site presented a true puzzle, as graves indicated a mix of burial techniques, from Christian burial to Amerindian traditions, complete with grave gifts. One particularly interesting find was a gold ring inset with nine emeralds, which is now on display in the museum. All remains found were Amerindian, of two types, The Caquetio of the Ceramic Period 900/1000-1515 A.D and a colonial period from 1515 to 1880 A.D. The site appears to have been used as a graveyard during two periods in the island history, one layered over the other.

The land was reserved as grazing areas for cattle and there is no record of nearby settlements. Such a collection of graves would indicate the existence of a house of worship adjacent.

Raymundo Dijkhoff speculates the mixture of burial techniques and artifacts found would indicate internment at the time when missionaries were just beginning to convert the aboriginal population to Christianity. Though having converted, the Amerindians still observed some of their older native traditions during the burial practice. The adoption of the new faith was not yet fully integrated into the native society.

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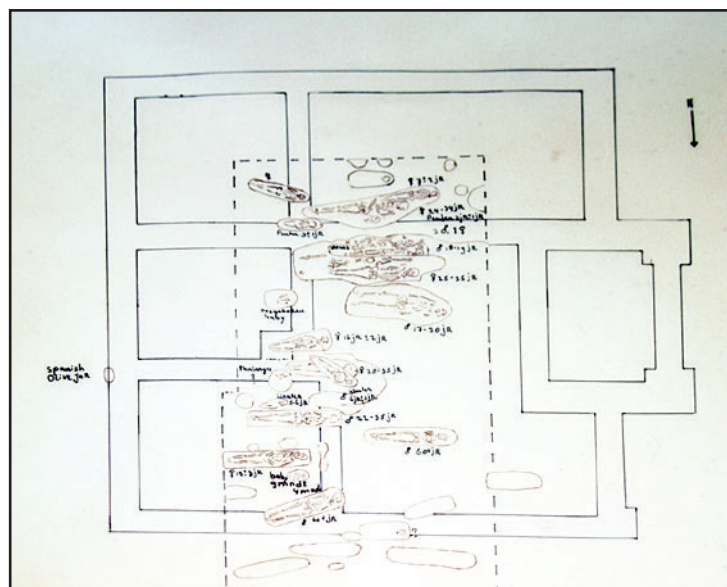
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Site with all graves and yet to be excavated

Other artifacts found, including Spanish Reales, glass and metal earrings, and several nails assist in pinpointing the era of this grave site. The orientation of the bodies at burial, with the head at the western side, is a Catholic technique. Combined with artifacts found which indicate there was a large central support post, this contributes to speculation that the site may have been adjacent to what would be the oldest church on Aruba, dating around 1515-1625 AD.

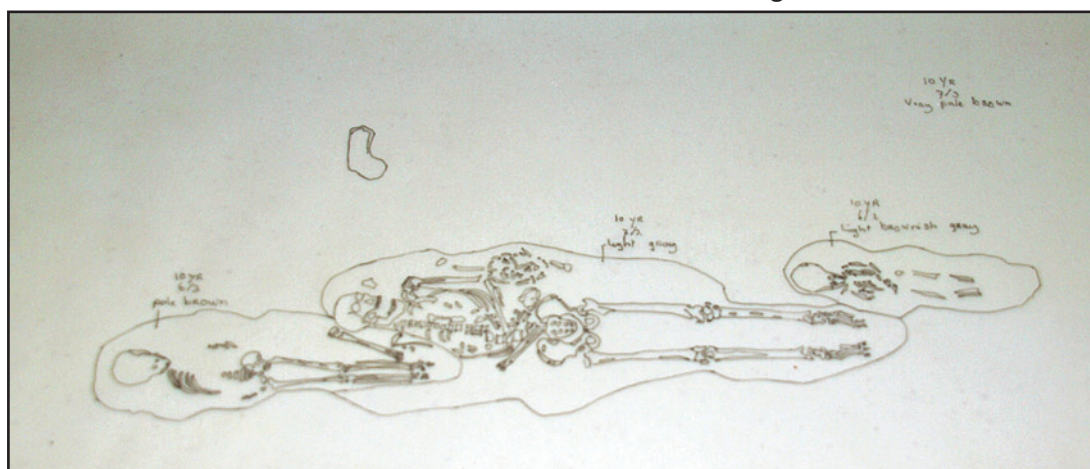
Work on the remains continues as the museum moves on to the next phase and excavation of more graves. The archaeo-

logical team of Harold Kelly, Hiram Angela and Francisco Croes, along with Chief Archeologist Raymundo Dijkhoff are quite convinced the site is far more extensive than what is now revealed. 60 square meters has been cordoned off, but they are sure extending the site will reveal more graves and artifacts. The team will keep the public informed of interesting findings, and hope to present a paper at the next congress of the International Association for Caribbean Archaeology, (IACA), which will be conducted in Puerto Rico in July, 2013.

by Rosalie Klein



Artifacts found in the Santa Cruz dig



Detailed mapping of every bone and artifact

Beware of certain skin creams!

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Pharmaceutical Inspection has issued a bulletin alerting the general public to beware of certain creams to apply to the skin for the relief of muscle and joint pains.

In the United States it has been reported that various cases of severe burns of first to third degree burns have occurred due to the ingredients in these skin creams.

Products sold for the purpose of relieving muscle and joint pains contain one or more ingredients such as menthol, methyl salicylate or capsaicin. These products are available in

the form of creams, lotions, and band-aids. When these products are applied to the skin, they create a refreshing and hot sensation. The product should never induce pain or cause damage to your skin. In the majority of cases, those products that are not good, will burn the skin from the very first application in the first 24 hours and result in severe burning and may even create blisters on the skin.

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Group of penitentiary guards sworn in



SAN NICOLAS -- This past week 18 prison guards were sworn in by the Minister of Justice while family members witnessed the ceremony in front of the KIA (Aruba's Correctional Institute). The 18 guards completed the major portion of their theoretical training and are now ready for the internship, which entails working in KIA. In March 2013 they should complete the entire training, both the theoretical as well as the practical internship. After all segments of the training have been successfully completed these 18 guards will be honored in a

graduation ceremony.

The Minister expressed his satisfaction for this team of 18 persons who were sworn in, and how proud he is to acknowledge that this is the first group of prison guards to be sworn in in 14 years.

The Minister congratulated the Police Academy, the KIA Management Team and their staff who contributed to the valuable process which resulted in the memorable swearing in. The government also expressed gratitude for the support these guards received from family members. They were encouraged to continue



supporting them in the difficult job they will be embarking upon.

The government indicated that everyone working in justice departments must realize the responsibility they have towards one another and to contribute to a just process in the community so as to guarantee the safety of the entire community. According to the Minister

of Justice, the various partners in the justice system, which are, the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Police Force, the judges and those working at KIA, must recognize with respect the courage of those who have chosen to work in our penitentiary institution because not everyone can do this type of work.

The Minister challenged the

18 new prison guards to commit themselves to being men of honor and integrity and to help each other remain men of integrity and to recognize the great responsibility they each have for guaranteeing the security of our country. He expressed his confidence that these guards will help initiate significant positive changes.



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Aruba: Hub between international & Latin American companies

ORANJESTAD -- Director of Aruba Investment Agency (ARINA), Sharon Erasmus, expressed satisfaction for what the agency has been able to accomplish in its short five months existence. They have succeeded in organizing various commercial missions and were part of a significant encounter just prior to the recent III Green Aruba Conference.

During the Green Conference held here last week, in a pre-event they had an encounter with 21 international investors in the Renaissance Convention Center.

Erasmus explained that the government has set a goal of showcasing Aruba as an attractive place for investing for international companies and how Aruba can serve as a hub between Latin America and Europe. Together with local partners, ARINA attracted 21 international companies to come to Aruba from the Netherlands, England, Sweden and the USA which are doing business on the "green" platform. The objective

was to have these companies experience how Aruba can help them do business in Aruba or via Aruba with other countries.

The companies who came represented different international commercial sectors.

Among the sectors were: electrical busses, wind mills, and solar panels (one in particular in the form of foil). These investors were told how to invest here, what the laws are and how they can use Aruba as a hub for their services and products to the Caribbean area and most importantly to Latin America.

Another important aspect of their time on Aruba was getting to sit down with potential local partners of the commercial sector, as well as with lawyers and the local banks. A number of Dutch companies from the Netherlands expressed interest



in making connections with Latin America via Aruba.

Already several representatives of a few of these companies are returning to Aruba to conduct their "due diligence" and to explore how they can form new alliances. In the event these companies decide to establish here, this will result in the creation of some jobs for our citizens.

ARINA's primary objective is to promote Aruba as an attractive destination for investment, and to attract and guide investors when they arrive on Aruba.

RBC Bank sponsoring a fundraising Zumba Disco event for juvenile cancer patients



Mary Ann Falconi pins on the gold bow

Managing Director of RBC Royal Bank Aruba announced yesterday afternoon that the bank will be sponsoring a Zumba Disco evening dedi-

cated to raising funds for the Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds, KWF. The foundation assists patients with cancer and their families. The evening is partic-

ularly dedicated to assisting young victims of cancer, and WKF will share the proceeds with the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund.

Assistant Marketing Manager Rose-Ann Ruiz explained it will be a night of black lights, and disco ambiance for a healthy session of Zumba with ArubaZumba Fitness. The fun evening of exercise will take place at the Frans Figaroa Stadium in Noord on Saturday, October 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Contribution for participation is 10 Aruban florins per person, which will include a tee shirt, a logo hat and refreshments. Interested parties can register at the RBC Bank main headquarters on Sasaki Highway or the KWF offices on Spinozastraat 9, near the water tower in Oranjestad, tel: 583-2055.

This is the third year that RBC Royal Bank will work with the KWF to promote awareness and raise funds to assist children with cancer. KWF representative Lupita Croes explained that AZV funding does not always cover the cost of sending a child and parent to Holland for treatment, so they will assist when needed. She estimated that around six children in Aruba annually are diagnosed with cancer, the majority of them



Pierre Rafini, Rose Ann and Lupita Croes, WKF

with leukemia.

Mr. Pierre Rafini urged all the community to join in this effort not only for the children, but their good health as well. He looks forward to seeing all

genders of the community at their Zumba Disco night, getting some exercise for a worthy cause.

by Rosalie Klein



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Caribbean Festival is tonight!



SAN NICOLAS -- Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Caribbean Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multi-cultural make up of Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival, from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m., revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

A full roster of some of Aruba's finest criollo entertainers follows including folkloric musical groups, dance groups solo singers, limbo dance by "Miguel Philips" and Carnival show by "Carna-Aruba," and this is only on the main stage!

Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including music by steel pan and Brass band."

Island visitors can enjoy the Caribbean festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize your evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

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China 'gaining fast' on US, warns Romney

OHIO (AFP) - Mitt Romney warned yesterday that China was "gaining fast" on the United States and could become the world's top economy, but insisted American manufacturers will compete with China and win if fair trade prevails.

China is "growing much faster than we are," Romney said in a hat tip to the Asian giant during a campaign stop in Ohio, a Midwestern state where manufacturing has suffered in recent decades.

"So they're gaining fast," he said, citing breakneck Chinese

growth of seven to eight percent. "They're smart, capable people, and productive."

He said that what Beijing has aggressively done, particularly during the administration of President Barack Obama, is "taken advantage of our laxity in enforcing fair trade."

But if Washington calls Beijing to account and China acts like more of a fair trader, "we will compete with China and we will win, with the most productive, innovative people in the world," Romney said.

"We will not allow them to keep taking our jobs."

The world's two biggest economies have lodged a number of complaints against each other in the World Trade Organization -- part of Washington's bid to use trade rules to beat down China's huge bilateral trade surplus with the US.

Critics in the United States and other developed economies accuse China of keeping its currency deliberately low to flood the world with exports of inexpensive goods, devastating the manufacturing industry elsewhere.

The Obama administration has repeatedly urged Beijing to

let the yuan appreciate, but has stopped short of declaring China a currency manipulator -- a designation that could trigger sanctions and perhaps an all-out trade war.

Yesterday, Romney repeated his threat to slap China with the 'manipulator' designation on Day 1 of his presidency.

"This can't go on. We've looked the other way for a long time" when China was poor and as it became an emerging economy," he said. "Now they're serious; they're taking jobs, and we've been looking the other way for too long."

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US security chief: Al-Qaeda grows every day in Libya

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Al-Qaeda's presence in Libya is growing every day, the former commander of a special security team in Tripoli told US lawmakers yesterday at a hearing into a militant attack on a US mission.

The Al-Qaeda "presence grows every day. They are certainly more established than we are," Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Wood, who headed up a 16-strong site security team in Tripoli.

He was addressing a hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform committee into the September 11 attack on the US consulate in Benghazi, amid allegations of security failures by the US administration.

The US administration has now said that the attack, in which four people died, is believed to have been carried out by elements linked to Al-Qaeda. Initially US officials said the assault was triggered by a protest against an anti-Islam film.

Earlier this year, President Barack Obama told Americans the goal of defeating the Al-Qaeda network was within reach, more than a decade after the September 11 attacks.

Speaking in a presidential address direct to American audiences during a surprise visit to Afghanistan, Obama said: "The goal that I set to defeat Al-Qaeda and deny it a chance to rebuild is now within our reach."

But there has been growing concern that Al-Qaeda is capitalizing on the chaos and upheaval in Arab and Middle East nations caused by the Arab Spring, by seeking to move into tumultuous areas.

A US official has said that they are investigating whether Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb may have been behind the Benghazi attack.

The fierce and sustained attack by dozens of militants bearing heavy weapons who torched and bombarded the mission and a nearby annex has now thrust President Barack Obama's foreign policy to the forefront of a bitter campaign ahead of the November 6 presidential elections.

Fujimori's family seeks pardon

PERU, Lima : Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori sons and daughters (L to R) Sachi, Hiro, Keiko and Kenji stand holding the formal request for humanitarian pardon for Fujimori --on the grounds of his tongue cancer-- that they submitted to the Ministry of Justice, in Lima on October 10, 2012. The 74-year-old Fujimori, who served as Peru's president from 1990 to 2000, was sentenced in 2009 to 25 years in prison in connection with the killing of 25 activists by a Peruvian military death squad.

AFP PHOTO



Syria rejects truce as rebels intercept reinforcements

DAMASCUS (AFP) - The Syrian regime rejected a UN call for a unilateral ceasefire yesterday as rebels confronted columns of tanks and troops sent to retake a town on the road to main battleground city Aleppo.

Rebels launched an attack on army positions in the northern metropolis's landmark Umayyad Mosque in the heart of the Old City adding to the urgency for the army to restore its supply lines.

Turkey forced a Syrian passenger plane to land in Ankara to check its cargo for weapons and warned its own aircraft to avoid Syrian airspace for fear of retaliation as tensions soared between the two neighbours.

President Bashar al-Assad's regime, on the back foot with rebels controlling swathes of northern Syria, insisted the insurgents must stop the violence

first as it turned down the call issued the previous day by UN chief Ban Ki-moon.

"We told Ban Ki-moon to send emissaries to the countries which have influence on the armed groups, so that they put an end to the violence," foreign ministry spokesman Jihad Maqdisi said.

As he spoke, the embattled regime was sending tanks from Mastumah south of Idlib city to Maaret al-Numan, a rebel source told an AFP reporter in the nearby town of Sarmin.

The military also deployed soldiers along the highway to Maaret al-Numan to secure the passage of its heavy armour to the strategic town on the Damascus-Aleppo highway.

The insurgents were battling to halt their advance, however, using rocket launchers and improvised explosive devices, the source said, adding three tanks were damaged.

Anti-jihad ads raise controversy on DC subway

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US lawmaker called yesterday for a boycott of Washington's Metro system over a controversial advertisement by a pro-Israel group that describes Muslim radicals as "savages."

The advertisements, which have also run on trains in New York and buses in San Francisco, went up this week at four stations in the US capital area after a federal judge ruled that the group enjoyed a right to free speech.

Citing security concerns, the operator of the Metro had sought to delay the billboards, which read: "In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."

Representative Mike Honda, a Democrat from California, said he supported the US Constitution's guarantee of free speech and understood the court order for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to run the advertisements.

"The right to not support hate speech is also a right, which is why I encourage people to boycott, if possible, WMATA until the ad buy is finished. We do not have to support hate speech," Honda said in a statement.

Honda, who as a child was interned at a camp due to his Japanese ancestry, said he took the issue "very personally" as he remembered during World War II the "hateful billboards and

caricatures that equated Japanese Americans to savages."

Pamela Geller, executive director of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, the group that is running the advertisements, rejected charges that the language of the billboards impugned the character of all Muslims.

"The ad mentions jihad. It is asking people to oppose those who commit jihad attacks against innocent civilians, and those who celebrate the attackers as heroes," she said.

"All jihad terrorists are Muslims, but not all Muslims are jihad terrorists. So why should any Muslim who opposes jihad feel his character impugned?" she said.

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Report: African countries face food insecurity

PARIS (AFP) -- Three-quarters of African countries and several "Arab Spring" nations are at high or extreme risk of a food crisis, according to an analysis published yesterday.

In a survey of 197 countries, 59 are most at risk of food insecurity, the British consultancy Maplecroft said.

Thirty-nine of these are African, it said.

Out of the 11 countries that are in the "extreme risk" category, nine are in Africa.

They include Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), which are ranked joint first, Burundi (4th), Chad (5th), Ethiopia (6th), Eritrea (7th), South Sudan (9th), the Comoros (10th) and Sierra Leone (11th).

Haiti (3rd) and Afghanistan (8th) are the other two countries in the extreme risk category.

"Although a food crisis has not emerged yet, there is potential for food-related upheaval across the most vulnerable regions," including sub-Saharan African and Arab states, said Maplecroft's Helen Hodge.

The 48 countries considered to be at "high" risk for food supplies include Yemen (15th), Syria (16th), Pakistan (27th),

Papua New Guinea (33rd), North Korea (35th), Iraq (54th) and Libya (58th).

Egypt, ranked 71st of the 197 countries, and Tunisia, 100th, are among medium-risk countries.

Sources of food insecurity range from conflict and instability in the Sahel, DR Congo and eastern Africa to rising prices for corn, caused by the worst US drought in 50 years and declining production in former Soviet countries, Maplecroft said.

The report, called the Food Security Risk Index, is intended for governments, NGOs and businesses to identify countries that could be susceptible to hunger or unrest because of food shortages or price hikes.

"The drivers of the 'Arab Awakening Spring' were varied and complex and included long standing public anger at high levels of governmental corruption and oppressive tactics against populations and political opposition," said Maplecroft.

Notable changes compared to last year's rankings were North Korea (19th on the 2011 list); Egypt (88th) and Syria (89th).

Obama disgusted by shooting of Pakistani girl

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama sees the shooting of a 14-year-old Pakistani girl who protested against the Taliban as tragic and barbaric and has offered air ambulance services, his spokesman said yesterday.

"I know that the president found the news reprehensible and disgusting and tragic," White House spokesman Jay Carney said, adding that US forces were ready to offer transport and treatment to Malala Yousafzai.

"Directing violence at children is barbaric, it's cowardly and our hearts go out to her and the others who were wounded as well as their families."

Pakistani doctors earlier removed a bullet from Malala, who was shot in the head by the Taliban on a school bus in a horrific attack, but she was still unconscious and too ill to travel.

Carney said that the US military had already agreed to provide air ambulance services and medical treatment to Malala if it became necessary.

There was shock and revulsion in Pakistan, where school-children across the country yesterday offered prayers for the recovery of Malala, an outspoken child campaigner for the right to have an education.

The banned militant organisation Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), which claimed responsibility for the shooting issued a statement yesterday, using Islamic Shariah to defend the attack.

In the statement sent out by TTP spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan from an undisclosed location, the banned outfit said that although they do not believe in attacking women, "whom so ever leads a campaign against Islam and Shariah is ordered to be killed by Shariah."

The assassination attempt on the life of the young National Peace Award winner has drawn widespread condemnation from the government, political parties and civil society groups, terming it a bid to silent voice for peace and education.

Malala had won international recognition for highlighting Taliban atrocities in Swat with a blog for the BBC three years ago, when the Islamist militants burned girls' schools and terrorised the valley.

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Runaway British teacher charged with abduction

LONDON (AFP) - British police yesterday charged Jeremy Forrest, the British teacher who ran away with a 15-year-old pupil, after he was extradited from France back to England.

With a towel covering his head, Forrest was escorted from a plane at Gatwick airport after flying in from the southwestern French city of Bordeaux and led into a waiting

police van.

Forrest, 30, a married maths teacher, disappeared last month with a 15-year-old girl from his school in Eastbourne in Sussex on the southeast English coast.

The pair left Britain by ferry on September 20, triggering a Europe-wide hunt that resulted in them being picked up by police in Bordeaux on September 28.



New Zealand is to release special commemorative coins depicting characters from JRR Tolkien's The Hobbit. They are being issued to coincide with the premiere of the Peter Jackson film of the book. The coins will be valued between \$25 and \$3000. New Zealand has been the setting for all of Peter Jackson's movies of Tolkien books including the three part Lord of the Rings. The coins will go on sale on November 1st, and there has been massive interest already from fans of the books and movies.



SYDNEY -- A sumptuous new French restaurant in Sydney said yesterday it would remove two urinals designed to resemble a woman's lipstick mouth, apologising for any offence they have caused. The Ananas Bar and Brasserie said the bright red-lipped urinals shaped like an open mouth were "a commonly used European design piece from female Dutch artist Meike van Schijndel." "We sincerely apologise if they have caused offence. They are being removed today," a spokeswoman said in a statement. (AFP)

Health & Living

Oduber & Kan showcases Hearing Studio



The loss of or reduction in hearing is an illness which occurs as persons age and there is an indication that on Aruba 1 out of every 10 persons will suffer from some form of hearing loss. The

Oduber & Kan Company, existing for the past 57 years on Aruba and well-known for their excellent service in the vision business, has recently announced their expansion into a hearing studio with a

hearing specialist.

In order to obtain a hearing apparatus there is a set procedure that must be followed. The process begins with the client going to their primary care physician who will provide the client with a referral letter for Oduber & Kan. The client will receive an appointment for a hearing test at the Oduber & Kan Hearing Studio. In accordance with the test results, the hearing specialist will explain the different options available for a hearing apparatus.

Together with the hearing specialist the best apparatus will be chosen which fits best with the person's particular situation. The time span for the entire process is between 6 to 8 weeks. AZV will cover up to Afls.750 for the first time that a person receives a

hearing aid apparatus. AZV will also cover replacement aids after 5 years.

Today's hearing aids are much improved with the advancement in technology and are more durable and comfortable. They are being built much smaller and easier to use with improved sound quality.

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quate information and professional service before selecting a hearing apparatus. This is definitely an important addition to the medical service on Aruba and a welcome addition for the grow-

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Nearly half of autistic kids wander from safety

BALTIMORE (AFP) - Almost half of US children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder wander away from safe places, and about half go missing long enough to alarm their parents, a new study out Monday found.

The study published in the journal Pediatrics on research by the Kennedy Krieger Institute that looked at more than 1,200 families highlighted how significant a concern the issue is, the authors wrote.

"We have (long) heard from families of children with autism that their children often place themselves in danger by wandering or eloping," said lead author Dr Paul Law, senior author and director of the IAN Project at the Kennedy Krieger Institute.

"These are the first published findings in the United States that provide an estimate

of the number of children with ASD who not only wander or elope, but go missing long enough to cause real concern."

The study found that 49 percent of children with ASD attempted to run away at least once after age 4. And of those who attempted to wander or bolt, 53 percent went missing long enough to cause concern.

"Children who were reported as missing were older, more likely to have experienced skill loss and less likely to respond to their name. They were also more likely to have lower intellectual and communication scores than non-missing children," Law wrote.

Autism, Asperger Syndrome and other related disorders are diagnosed in one out of 88 children in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

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STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Robert Lefkowitz and Brian Kobilka of the United States won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for identifying a class of cell receptor, yielding vital insights into how the body works at the molecular level.

The big beneficiary of this fundamental work is medicine,

the Nobel committee declared.

The pair were honoured for discovering a key component of cells called G-protein-coupled receptors and mapping how they work.

The receptors stud the surface of cells, sensitising them to light, flavour, smells and body chemicals such as adrenaline and enabling cells to

communicate with each other.

About a thousand of these kinds of receptor are known to exist throughout the body. They are essential not just for physiological processes but also for response to drugs.

Lefkowitz, 69, is a professor of biomedicine and biochemistry at Duke University in North Carolina, while Kobilka, 57, is a professor of molecular and cellular physiology at Stanford University School of Medicine in California.

The grandchild of Polish immigrants to the United States, Lefkowitz grew up as an only child in a two-bedroom apartment in New York's Bronx.

A voracious reader, he devoured his parents' books, medical fiction and detective stories, and decided while still at primary school that he wanted to become a physician.

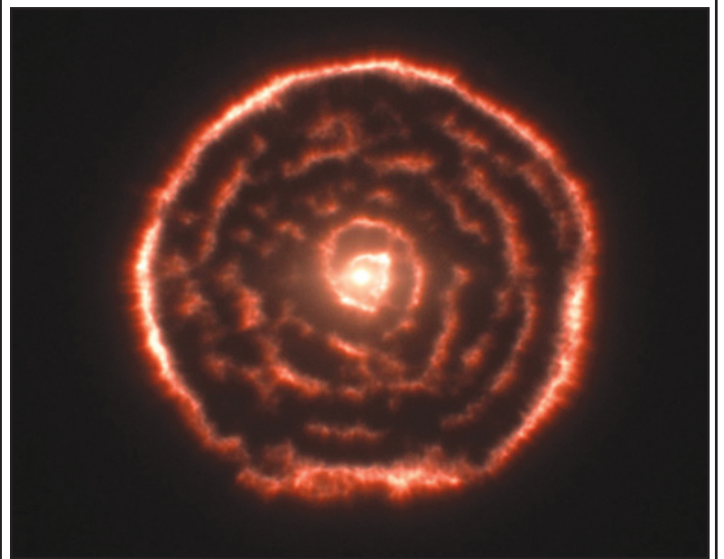
He went to medical school at New York's Columbia University, where he finished first in his class.

Kobilka was born in Little Falls, a small rural community in central Minnesota, where his grandfather and father were bakers and his mother decorated the cakes.

He studied biology and chemistry at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, where he met his future wife, and then went to Yale to study medicine.

In 1984, he went to Duke University, where he worked as a post-doctoral researcher under Lefkowitz. Together they put together the first genetic sequence of GPCRs.

Mark Sansom, a professor of molecular biophysics at the University of Oxford, said the receptors "have for a long time been the holy grail" for research.

Dying Star weaves a spital in the night

This is not a drawing! It's actual data, observations of R Sculptoris made using the Atacama Large Millimeter/sub-millimeter Array (ALMA). ALMA looks at light far too low energy for our eyes to see; it's actually out past infrared in the spectrum. Cold dust and gas emits light at this wavelength, including carbon monoxide. That molecule is created copiously in red giants and shines brightly in the submillimeter, making it easy to see with 'scopes like ALMA. That's nice, because CO can be used as a tracer for other, harder to detect molecules like hydrogen. Looking at CO really tells you a lot about what's going on in the gas and dust. Some explode, supernovae which blast radiation across the Universe. Others fade away slowly over hundreds of billions of years, longer than the cosmos has been around. Some blow off winds of gas and dust, taking on strange shapes from perfect spherical shells to elongated structures. And then some – a very few – are like R Sculptoris, a red giant on the thin hairy edge of death. And its death is both spectacular as well as just plain old damned weird. The number of ways stars can find to die bizarre deaths will never cease to amaze.



MADRID — Archaeologists said Wednesday they believe they have found the exact spot in Rome where Julius Caesar was stabbed to death on March 15, 44 BC. The stabbing of the dictator by Roman senators was recorded by ancient historians and dramatised by William Shakespeare who gave Caesar the last words: "Et tu Brute? Then fall, Caesar." Now, a team from the Spanish National Research Council say they have unearthed evidence that, they believe, reveals precisely where the attack took place. They say they have found a concrete structure, three metres (10 feet) wide and two metres (nearly seven feet) high, that was erected by his adoptive son and successor, Augustus. After taking power himself, Augustus ordered the structure be placed exactly over the place where the attack took place so as to condemn the slaying of his father, the scientists said.

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13. Item in most bathrooms
14. After-dinner wine
15. Nickname for Ty Cobb
18. Confine
19. "Norma ___"
20. Plaster support
21. Hinders
22. Go a few rounds
24. Stanley Clarke's instrument
25. Last show
29. Wagered amount
31. "The monkey thought ___ all in fun..."
32. Sleet's kin
33. Scrutinize
34. Tourist ___
35. "___ silly question..."
36. Still snoozing
37. French kings
38. Exceed the road limit
39. State of tranquillity
41. African mammals
42. Airplane's twirler, for short
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44. Dracula's wear
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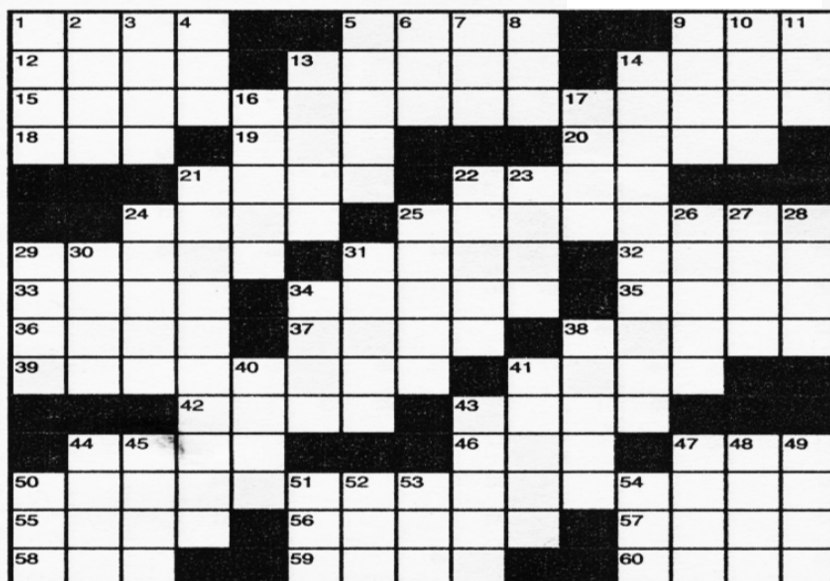
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9. Layer of paint
10. Curved monument

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13. Skyrockets
14. Large-bottomed
16. Clear the answering machine
17. Strategy
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22. Makes an even trade
23. Transpire
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31. Kangaroo

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43. Small snake
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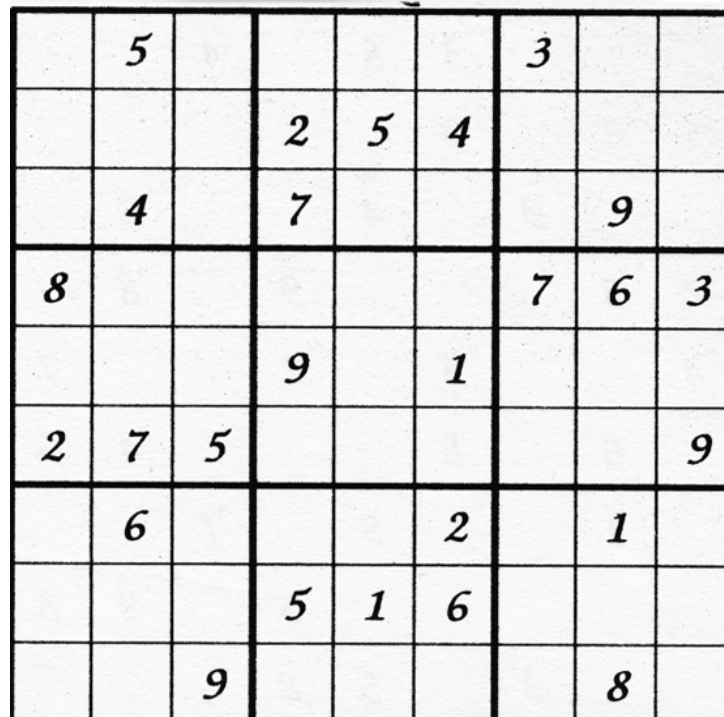
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Chavez win spurs exodus as Venezuelans foresee economic woes

Hugo Chávez's reelection victory and subsequent pledge to deepen "21st Century" socialism in Venezuela has produced a predictable result -- yet another exodus of Venezuelans is expected to head to Florida. Like early waves of Cubans who fled Fidel Castro's communism, these Venezuelans are members of their country's business, professional, and entrepreneurial class. They could, to be sure, have been part of the solution to Venezuela's poverty and dysfunction.

But Chávez saw them as part of the problem as he created class divisions; nationalized large swaths of the economy; and implemented currency exchange and price controls that strangled the economy and even produced

food shortages.

South Florida immigration lawyers and real estate agents are gearing up for visits from Venezuelans who have decided it's time to get out. They're looking to buy real estate and start businesses in South Florida, with the hope of gaining residency and starting new lives. After suffering 14 years of Hugo Chávez - and facing six more to come - they decided to join the estimated 200,000 or more Venezuelans

already in the U.S. - 57 percent of whom live in South Florida.

"Nothing surpasses fear as a cause for capital flight," said Enrique García, a Key Biscayne council member and real estate agent whose clients include members of the growing Venezuelan community in South Florida.

García said that he was already preparing information kits to mail to prospective real estate clients in Caracas and other cities in Venezuela.

Shine coming back to investment in Gold



Gold is becoming increasingly attractive for investors, as the inflationary bogey makes them turn away from currency assets. While central banks pump billions into their economies, professional funds have record levels of gold assets.

The world's largest gold exchange traded fund - the SPRD Gold Trust - has the largest stockpile of physical gold in its history - 1,340.5 tonnes, Kommersant daily reports.

The total assets of gold exchange - traded funds added another 95 tonnes last month, driving the stock to a new record high of 2,565 tonnes, according to Bloomberg. That is more than the gold stock in France and Italy, the countries



with the 4th and 5th largest central banks. Gold prices are balancing around their annual maximum of \$1,780 per ounce, which could go up to

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Fed: US economy picked up in September

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US economy picked up in September despite weak momentum in consumer spending, a Federal Reserve report published Wednesday showed.

In its report on regional economies known as the Beige Book, the Fed said that economic activity "generally expanded modestly" since the last report six weeks earlier.

Growth picked up in September compared with the August 29 Beige Book, that had noted the economy had expanded "gradually" across most regions and sectors.

The latest report indicated

that most of the central bank's 12 districts found growth "continued at a modest pace."

The New York district reported growth was "leveling off" and the Kansas City region indicated "some slowing," the Fed said.

Consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of US economic activity, cast a cloud over the somewhat improved economic conditions last month.

"Consumer spending was generally reported to be flat to up slightly," compared with stronger growth in the prior period, the Fed said.

EADS chief surprised by German opposition to merger

PARIS (AFP) - Tom Enders, the chief executive of aerospace group EADS, said yesterday he was taken by surprise at the level of German opposition to the proposed blockbuster merger with BAE Systems.

"I'm ready to admit that we never expected to face such opposition against the deal, in particular not in Berlin," Enders said.

Enders noted the "strong efforts by the French and UK governments" to overcome what proved to be "insurmountable" political hurdles facing a tie-up that would have created a \$45 billion (35 billion euro) aerospace giant.

A merger to create the biggest aerospace group in the world between EADS and BAE Systems collapsed yesterday, with analysts saying Germany shot it down because the country feared it would be sidelined.

But German Defence Minister Thomas de Maiziere denied the collapse was Germany's fault.

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'Peanuts' Movie Brings Charlie Brown and Friends to the Big Screen in New Film

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus and the gang are coming to the big screen, as 20th Century Fox Animation and its Blue Sky Studios unit announced Tuesday that they have acquired the rights to Charles M. Schulz's iconic "Peanuts" comic strip.

The planned movie, the product of an agreement between the studio and Schulz's



heirs, is scheduled to arrive in theaters Nov. 25, 2015.

Steve Martino, who directed Fox's "Ice Age: Continental Drift" and "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who," is to direct from a screenplay by Craig Schulz, Bryan Schulz and Cornelius Uliano. Craig Schulz is the famous cartoonist's son, and Bryan Schulz his grandson.

In its heyday, the "Peanuts" comic strip was read daily by 355 million people in 75 countries, and spawned beloved holiday television specials including "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas," which continue to draw an audience today, 12 years after Charles M. Schulz's death.

The scheduled 2015 release of the "Peanuts" animated movie will mark the 65th anniversary of the comic strip's debut and the 50th anniversary of "A Charlie Brown Christmas."



MOSCOW (AFP) - British singer Sarah Brightman revealed on Wednesday that Russia will launch her as a space tourist to the International Space Station (ISS) in a multi-million dollar voyage aimed at "realising dreams". The soprano and crossover singer, 52, would be the first tourist to go into space after a hiatus in the space tourism programme since 2009, on a ticket costing tens of millions of dollars. The commercial flights to the ISS for space tourists are organised through US-based company Space Adventures, whose chairman Eric Anderson accompanied Brightman in Moscow. My journey is about realising aims and dreams," Brightman said, playing up her role as a UNESCO artist for peace and raising the possibility that she might "sing a song from space". "This voyage is a product of a dream, my dream. Finally it can be a reality. I am more excited about this than anything I have done in my life to date."

A mother's fears for one of India's 50,000 missing children



NEW DELHI (AFP) - Thirteen-year-old Shivam Singh promised his mother he would be back to do his homework as he ran to get some sweets. He never returned, becoming one of the 50,000 children who go missing every year in India.

"My son left his books open, put on his sandals, combed his hair and ran out," Pinky Singh recalls tearfully of the fateful evening in July when Shivam popped out of the house. "It was the last time I saw him."

Three months on, perched on the edge of her son's bed and surrounded by his toys and sports trophies, Pinky Singh is terrified by what may have befallen him.

"I just pray that he is not forced into drugs or begging. He is a very innocent and studious boy."

According to recent crime data, 14 children go missing in New Delhi every day, at least six of whom are victims of human trafficking.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) says around 1.2 million children are victims of child trafficking across the world every year.

India's mega cities such as Delhi and Mumbai are a particular target for criminal gangs that police say traffick children in much the same way they sell drugs.

In August this year, the country's top court ordered the federal and state governments to provide data on 50,000 missing children after a petition blamed them for failing to solve the trafficking of children by organised gangs.

Police officials said they have rescued hundreds of children from factories and busted large-scale child prostitution rackets but they accept they are sometimes overwhelmed by the scale of the challenge.

The country's federal detectives admitted last year that there were 815 gangs comprising of more than 5,000 members involved in the kidnapping of children for prostitution and begging across India.

"Very often we find kid-

napped children are forced to work as cheap labour in factories, shops and homes. They get exploited as sex slaves or are pushed into the child porn industry," Delhi police spokesman Rajan Bhagat told AFP.

"These gangs target urban slum children because they can easily track their movement, lure them with food and kidnap them."

"Some poor parents are scared to even report the case to the police and most do not have photographs of their children to submit as an evidence," said Bhagat.

In 2006, body parts of 17 children stuffed in plastic bags were found by the police in Nithari, a suburb near New Delhi, a horrifying case that shocked the nation and triggered a raging debate on the safety of children in India.

Twelve-year-old Sharath Kumar knows better than most of the dangers that lurk.

The son of a small shopkeeper in New Delhi, Sharath was nine when he became a kidnap target while waiting to be picked up from school by his mother.

"The old man covered my face with a black cloth, he dragged me and threatened that he would kill me if I raised an alarm," said Kumar.

The abduction however was foiled when several youths heard Kumar crying out for help. They managed to rescue the youngster and reunite him with his mother.

"My son was just plain lucky. He was in a state of shock and cried for hours when he came home," said Kumar's mother, S. Laxmi.

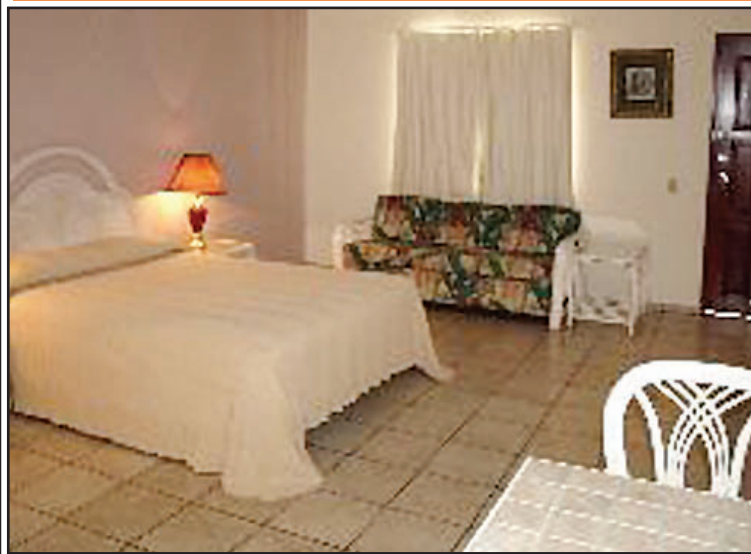
The incident taught Laxmi a crucial lesson.

"When my son was kidnapped, the police demanded his latest photograph and I had nothing to offer. I kicked myself and cursed my husband for our carelessness," she told AFP.

She now gets portrait-size photographs taken of her two boys every six months.

Investigators say the absence of photographic evidence makes it impossible for them to trace the child.

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ALEPPO : Children chat to Syrian government troops resting in the Jabriyeh neighborhood of the northern city of Aleppo on October 10, 2012, as rebel forces and government troops continue to clash in other regions. Syria's main exiled opposition coalition the Syrian National Council will in a "matter of days" set up in a rebel-controlled area inside the country, a top member of the group said.

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SPORTS

Football: Germans go back to defensive basics against Irish



BERLIN (AFP) - Germany take on Ireland in Friday's World Cup qualifier with questions needed answering over

the guests' defence and a lack of strength in depth in the German back-four being blamed.

Germany coach Joachim Loew is without centre-back Mats Hummels, who has a bruised foot, while captain Philipp Lahm is suspended for the match at Dublin's Aviva Stadium with the Irish having said they want to test their guests' back four.

In Lahm's absence, Germany midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger will take over the captain's armband, but the Germans have admitted the defence needs tightening as a matter of urgency.

"It is a problem that has

been following us around for some time," said German assistant coach Hansi Flick.

"We simply don't have the bulk of players that we want.

"We're focusing on the defensive work and the basics, because we have seen that recently they were not always up to scratch."

In his six years as head coach, Loew has used 23 players on the left or right side of defence with his captain Lahm as the only name who has remained throughout.

Bayern Munich defender Jerome Boateng is expected to play on the right against Ireland with Dortmund's Marcel Schmelzer on the left with Arsenal's Per Mertesacker at centre-back alongside Bayern's Holger Badstuber.

The Irish have already said they hope to cause the Germans defence problems, according to Ireland's assistant coach Marco Tardelli.

Plenty of holes were exposed in Germany's defence in the 3-1 friendly defeat by Argentina in August, while Austria could and should have sneaked a late equaliser in their 2-1 defeat in Vienna to the Germans last month.

Germany last faced Ireland in Dublin in 2007 when a goalless draw was enough to book the Germans' place at Euro 2008.

"They are an difficult opponent to play against with crazy fans," said Germany's Arsenal striker Lukas Podolski with the Irish having enjoyed the last of their five wins over the Germans back in 1994.

"We want to go there and take the three points, we have the necessary quality to beat them."

Football: Donovan, Shea out for US for WC2014 qualifiers

MIAMI (AFP) - Los Angeles Galaxy forward Landon Donovan and FC Dallas midfielder Brek Shea were dropped from the United States roster for two crucial Brazil 2014 World Cup qualifiers on Tuesday due to injuries.

One day after US coach Jurgen Klinsmann pronounced Donovan fit despite the American playmaker suffering a left knee injury in a Major League Soccer contest, an MRI exam showed enough damage to shelve him from the lineup.

Donovan is the all-time US leader with 49 goals in 130 matches and his absence magnifies Klinsmann's decision not to call upon Jozy Altidore, who has eight goals in eight league matches for Dutch side AK Alkmaar.

Instead, Klinsmann selected MLS strikers Eddie Johnson and Alan Gordon to join Herculez Gomez from Santos of Mexico and Tottenham dangerman Clint Dempsey on the US frontline for the crucial matches.

Shea, nagged by an abdominal strain, will continue treatment in Dallas. Neither Shea nor Donovan will be replaced in the training camp for the

Americans, who fly out on Thursday for Friday's match at Antigua.

"It's unfortunate for Landon and Brek that they won't be able to play," said Klinsmann. "Landon was very optimistic over the weekend when his knee was feeling much better, but now he needs time to recover."

"We knew Brek was a question mark coming in, and now we have a clear picture of where he stands. We feel confident that the group we have will get the job done."

It's a more formidable task than Americans are accustomed to facing in the semifinal round of CONCACAF (North American) regional World Cup qualifying.

The Americans are level with Guatemala atop their group on seven points and even in goal difference and goals scored, with Jamaica third on seven points as well but trailing in goal difference. One of the squads will not advance.

After visiting Antigua and Barbuda, the US squad will conclude the round with a home match Tuesday against Guatemala at Kansas City, Kansas.



HOUSTON (AFP) - Brian Cushing, a linebacker for the undefeated Houston Texans, will miss the remainder of the National Football League season after suffering torn left knee ligaments, the team said Tuesday. Cushing was hurt in the second quarter of the Texans' 23-17 victory Monday night over the New York Jets when opposing blocker Matt Slauson rolled onto Cushing's leg. Texans coach Gary Kubiak said Cushing, 24, will undergo surgery once the swelling subsides, posting a hopeful Twitter message about the defender who made 29 tackles and had an interception in Houston's 5-0 start. "Sat w/Cushing on bus last night and talked with him," Kubiak tweeted. "He knew on field that he was in pain and didn't have a good feeling. Cushing will get well, and still has a brilliant future." The Texans risk their perfect start next Sunday in a home game against Green Bay.



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Baseball: Best Of Five

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Pete Kozma smacked a three-run home run to help power reigning World Series champion St. Louis to an 8-0 victory Wednesday over Washington to grab the lead in their Major League Baseball playoff series.

The Cardinals seized a 2-1 edge in the best-of-five National League divisional series with game four today at Washington and a fifth game, if needed, at the US capital on Friday.

The winner will face either San Francisco or Cincinnati for a berth in the World Series final.

Washington had not hosted a playoff game since 1933 and

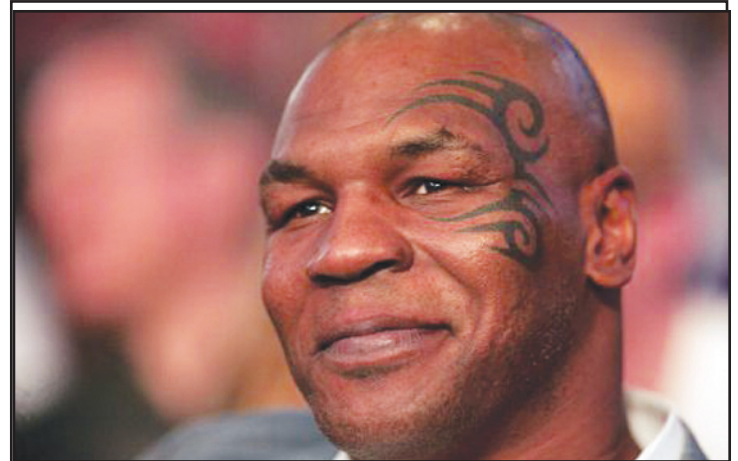


Pete Kozma #38 of the St. Louis Cardinals hits a three run home run in the second inning

fans were excited that the winning guest team in the major leagues was the Nationals, who moved from Montreal in 2004 after the city's prior clubs relocated to Minnesota and

Texas.

But enthusiasm fizzled as the Cardinals took charge quickly and stayed in command to the end.



SYDNEY (AFP) - Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was Wednesday granted a visa to Australia but warned he must behave, a week after the convicted rapist was denied entry to New Zealand. Tyson, who was sentenced to six years in prison in 1992 for raping an 18-year-old woman, is scheduled to visit Australia in November as part of his Day of the Champions speaking tour. The Immigration Department said it weighed up the pros and cons and decided it was appropriate to allow him into the country with an entertainment visa. But it cautioned him that he must abide by Australian laws.

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Hincapie admits doping



WASHINGTON (AFP) - American cyclist George Hincapie admitted to taking banned performance enhancing substances on Wednesday and apologized to teammates and fans while claiming he has ridden clean since 2006. Hincapie's confession came as the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) revealed all of its evidence in the investigation of Lance Armstrong, including testimony from Hincapie. Hincapie was a US Postal Service teammate of Armstrong when the US cycling legend won seven Tour de France titles in a row. Hincapie said that he was approached by federal investigators two years ago and more recently by USADA to talk about things that he personally experienced. USADA chief executive Travis T. Tygart praised Hincapie and other admitted dope cheats who came forward to give evidence against Armstrong.

BRIDGE RESULTS ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA

Thursday, October 4th, 2012

A total of 9 pairs attended the bridge play at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The following guest players joined the group: Betty Williamson, Daksha Patel and Ashok Patel

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1) Joke Henriquez / Geke In'Veld 63.21 %
- 2) Stascha Hornix / Addy Eilers 61.98 %
- 3) Cornelia Sloterdijk / Els Lacle 60.42 %
- 4) Henk Berghuizen / Anne de Vries 50.78 %
- 5) Edith Henriquez / Sheila-Lampe 50.3a %

Friday, October 5th, 2012

A total of 6 pairs attended our evening bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

The results 50% and

higher are as follows:

- 1) Maylene & Fred Koopman 58.40 %
- 2) Marleen van Baarlen / Carol Pinxter 56.40 %
- 3) Willy Flanegin / Jaenette Schoemaker 55.21 %

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time.

Fee for guest players: US \$ 6.00 per person; fee for members: Afl. 6.50 per person. The club can also be of assistance in getting single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers: tel. 582-4953.

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Young Aruba baseballers return victorious from Curacao



Last week a group of young Aruban baseball players returned from Curacao where they did a splendid job of representing Aruba. Cai Cai Willems, coach of the delegation, was visibly elated about the tremendous performance of the children. He reported that this was the 6th year that they have been attending the high level championship they just returned from. This championship, explained Cai Cai, is for children ages 11 to

12 and that there were a total of 10 teams from 5 countries. The five countries this year were: Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Venezuela and Puerto Rico. Aruba participated with 3 teams while Curacao had 4 teams. There were 2 pools and a team from Aruba ranked number 2 in our pool and number 1 in another pool.

It appears; Aruba's children are very excited about baseball and have great talent

for the sport. For this reason we ought to train them well and by all means, keep them in baseball so we don't lose them.

Currently work is being done to restructure baseball on Aruba and we have already begun seeing some of the fruit of this labor. There is a lot of talent and our children are playing now better than ever. We have a job to work on the leaders and to encourage more volunteers.

Cycling: USADA: Armstrong dope conspiracy biggest in sport



WASHINGTON (AFP) - "Overwhelming" evidence shows Lance Armstrong engaged in the biggest doping conspiracy in sports history to win the Tour de France seven times, the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) said Wednesday.

USADA chief executive Travis T. Tygart said USADA has submitted a report on why it banned Armstrong for life in August to the International Cycling Union (UCI) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and released more than 1,000 pages of supporting evidence gathered in a probe of Armstrong and the US Postal Service team.

That includes testimony from 26 people, 15 of them with knowledge of US Postal riders and doping activities, including George Hincapie, who admitted in a statement Wednesday that he took per-

formance-enhancing drugs.

Other former Armstrong teammates who testified include Frankie Andreu, Michael Barry, Tom Danielson, Tyler Hamilton, Floyd Landis, Levi Leipheimer, Stephen Swart, Christian Vande Velde, Jonathan Vaughters and David Zabriskie.

Armstrong was banned for life by USADA and stripped of his seven Tour de France triumphs from 1999-2005 after declining the chance to challenge the doping charges against him before a USADA arbitration panel.

The decision not to press ahead with a defense against the charges and take the chance to contest the evidence against him came after Armstrong lost a legal fight in US court to challenge USADA's system of hearing doping appeals.